MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I take it that no time will be lost in restoring these bridges?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): The work will be taken up as early as possible.

Entertainment of students passing out of the S. M. T. School.

69. ***MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the posts to which students passing out of the Sri Mulam Technical School are eligible and the scales of pay for such posts;

(*b*) whether the applicants who have passed from the above said school are given preference when appointments are made to such posts; and

(*c*) whether the certificate holders from the above school have any chance of getting appointments in other countries on the strength of their certificates?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) They are eligible for appointments as Tracers, Fitters, Draftsmen, Sub-Overseers and Maistries in the P. W. D., Aminadars and Section Officers in the Maramath Department, Surveyors, Draftsmen and Teachers in the Industries Department and various posts in the Electric and Water Works Department. The pay of the posts ranges from Rs. 25 to Rs. 120.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Government have no information.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Are there not application, from these persons for appointments in the Public Works Department, still pending?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I am not aware of that.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): My question was:—

"(*c*) whether the certificate holders from the above school have any chance of getting appointments in other countries on the strength of their certificates?"

I wish to know whether this examination is recognised by any other Government?

MR. N. K. PADMANABAA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): They generally undergo training in the school and pass some of the Madras Government technical examinations also. As such they are eligible for appointments elsewhere also.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know whether, without passing Madras Government Technical Examinations, these young men who pass out from the Technical School here can get appointments elsewhere?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): In fact there have been such instances. Two of our students have got posts in Ambasamudram, one on Rs. 120 and the other on Rs. 70.

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MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Is there a fitters' class in the school?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): How many students have passed from that class?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I have not got the figure. I claim notice.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Have all the passed candidates been absorbed in the various departments?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Most of them; I think there are only eight who have not been absorbed yet.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Are there applications from them now for posts in the Forest Department?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I have not got the information.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether the Government propose to entertain them as and when vacancies occur?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Certainly, there is a Government order to that effect.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether, in the rules for the working of the institution, there is not a clause that the Chief Engineer and the Director of Industries would render all help to passed candidates in getting appointments?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): We are rendering help as far as possible.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): That is not my question. What I want to know is whether there is such a clause in the rules or not?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): There is.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Now that an Electrical Department is being organised, cannot some of these people be employed there?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): Are there not some of those who have passed the fitters' test already employed in the Electrical Department?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): There are.

Expenditure on the land, etc. for constructing the Cutcherry buildings at Mavelikara.

70. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount spent till now (2-12-'08) for the land for the purpose of constructing the Cutcherry buildings at Mavelikara; and

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